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on the road up to 2nd December 1954. The remaining 36 new vehicles are expected to be put on the road in batches before the end of February 1955.''

*Andhra Gazetted Officers in service under the Madras Government.*

* 423 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Andhra Gazetted Officers in service still under the Madras Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' There are forty-six Andhra Gazetted Officers still in service under this Government.''

*Construction of a bund for Parappavayal Thodu in Kuttoor amsam, North Malabar.*

* 424 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a bund for Parappavayal Thodu in Kuttoor amsam in Payyanur firka, North Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' The answer is in the negative.''

*Government Higher Grade Training School in South Arcot district.*

* 425 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of seats sanctioned for admission into Government Higher Grade Training School in South Arcot district during 1953-54 and 1954–55; and

(*b*) the reasons for the difference in number, if any?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) 1953–54—285; and 1954–55—165.

'' (*b*) The number of seats in training schools in a district has to be restricted to the anticipated requirements of the district for trained hands and hence the difference.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' Are the Government aware that there is a heavy rush for admission into such institutions? May I know whether the Government propose to open a new training school in the district? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' We have to take into account the requirements of the district also. We should not create unemployment among trained personnel.''

*Bifurcation of Ponnani taluk, Malabar.*

* 426 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate Ponnani taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands now?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes. A suggestion to separate the Tirur sub-taluk from the Ponnani taluk and to combine this area with that of the erstwhile Tirurangadi sub-taluk of Ernad taluk to form a new taluk is under consideration.

" (*b*) The views of the High Court and the Board are being examined."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know where the headquarters of the proposed taluk will be located? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question has not been finally decided. We are examining the views of the High Court and the Board."

*Suspension of bus service and supply of foodstuffs to Pondicherry.*

* 427 *Q.*—

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question is with reference to the Pondicherry area before the transfer took place. I do not think it will be quite proper to answer this question now."

*Starting of a banian factory by ex-servicemen in Sulur, Coimbatore.*

* 428 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made to the Government through the Hon. the Finance Minister on 25th September 1954, by the Secretary, Ex-Servicemen Union, Sulur, seeking aid from the Government to start a banian factory in Sulur, Coimbatore district, under the Post-war Service Reconstruction Fund; and

(*b*) if so, what the Government propose to do in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The representation is under examination."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" From the Post-war Reconstruction Fund a sum of Rs. 1,86,00,000 was allotted to the State for resettlement of ex-servicemen on a co-operative basis. May I know what are the co-operative societies that have been benefited by this assistance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."